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TOWN OF ABINGDON

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 – 5:30 P.M.

DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, September 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.

A. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present: Mayor Lois H. Humphreys

Mr. Robert M. Howard, Vice Mayor

Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.

Mr. Edward B. Morgan

Mrs. Cathy Lowe

Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager

Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk

Jim Smith, Director of Wastewater Operations/Town Engineer

John Dew, Director of Public Services /Construction

Myra Cook, Director of Tourism

Chris Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation

Guests: Rick Humphreys, Edward Cozart

The following items were discussed:

- Chris Johnson presented the Council with information about agenda item H4 regarding the Creeper Trail Improvement Project.
- Rick Humphreys, member of the Dunn's Meadow Steering Committee presented information about the committee's assessment of the property and items of concern that will need to be addressed.
- Mr. Humphreys also asked the Council's consideration of a grant to put together a Master Plan for the property.
- The Council reviewed the information for the public hearing for the Farmer's Warehouse, Inc. as well as the accompanying ordinance required to amend the zoning ordinance.
- The Council reviewed the information for the public hearing for the amendment of the sign ordinance and the accompanying ordinance required to amend the zoning ordinance.
- The Council reviewed the information for the public hearing regarding the entrance corridor overlay district and the accompanying ordinance required to amend the zoning ordinance.
- The Council discussed the proposed request to vacate Hickman Street and considered appointments to the panel of viewers.
- The Council reviewed the bid information submitted for approval for the brush truck for the Department of Public Works.

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- The Council considered the request from William King Arts Center regarding their campus expansion project.
- Myra Cook informed the Council of the recent news that the Virginia Highlands Festival was voted a top 100 bus tour events in the United States.
- Mr. Morgan commented about the Harvest Festival planned for Friday, September 21, 2007.
- The Council briefly reviewed the information for the contract with Hill Studio for the architectural report for ElderSpirit, Too.
- The Council reviewed the appointments on the agenda to the Tree Commission and the IDA.
- The Council reviewed calendar date and confirmed the Saturday Council work session scheduled for Saturday, September 15th.

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Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Clerk